

CLAIMS:

1. A mixer (11), comprising:
 - a first output terminal (OUT1);
 - a second output terminal (OUT 2);
 - a Gilbert cell (Q3-Q8) for controlling a differential output voltage between said first output terminal (OUT1) and said second output terminal (OUT2); and
 - a polysilicon resistor (R7) for applying a differential loading to the differential output voltage.
2. The mixer (11) of claim 1, further comprising:
 - a first current source (Q11) for providing a first biasing current to said Gilbert cell (Q3-Q8); and
 - a first resistor (R8) for impeding a flow of DC current through said first current source (Q11).
3. The mixer (11) of claim 2, wherein said first resistor (R8) is a polysilicon resistor.
4. The mixer (11) of claim 2, further comprising:
 - a second current source (Q12) for providing a second biasing current to said Gilbert cell (Q3-Q8); and
 - a second resistor (R9) for impeding a flow of DC current through said first current source (Q12).
5. The mixer (11) of claim 4, wherein said second resistor (R9) is a polysilicon resistor.

6. A method of operating a mixer (11), said method comprising:
operating a Gilbert cell (Q3-Q8) of the mixer (11) to control a differential output voltage between a pair of output terminals (OUT1, OUT2) of the mixer (11); and
operating a polysilicon resistor (R7) of the mixer (11) to apply a differential load to the differential output voltage.
7. The method of claim 6, further comprising:
operating a first current source (Q11) of the mixer (11) to provide a first biasing current to the Gilbert cell (Q3-Q8); and
operating a first resistor (R8) of the mixer (11) to impede a flow of DC current through the first current source (Q11).
8. The method of claim 7, further comprising:
operating a second current source (Q12) of the mixer (11) to provide a second biasing current to the Gilbert cell (Q3-Q8); and
operating a second resistor (R9) of the mixer (11) to impede a flow of DC current through the second current source (Q12).